Review of policy of assessment of excise duty on MRP

948. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering the review of the present policy of assessment of excise duty on Minimum Retail Price (MRP) and also reduction of duty rate;

(b) whether a proposal to that effect mooted by his Ministry is under consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) There is no scheme of assessment of excise duty on the basis of Minimum Retail Price. However, under section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944, for specified excisable goods, excise duty can be charged on the basis of the retail sale price declared on such goods less such abatement, if any, towards excise duty, sales tax and other taxes, if any, payable on such goods, as may be notified by the Government. There is no proposal under consideration for changing the scheme of assessment based on retail sale price under section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Expansion of retail banking market

949. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about a study conducted by McKinsey that domestic retail banking market is expanding its revenues expected to be Rs. 74 thousand crores by 2010 from the present about Rs. 28 thousand crores;

(b) if so, whether our Public Sector Banks are gearing up their infrastructure to mop up maximum funds from this expected increase; and

(c) what was the ratio of mobilization of deposits and loan given to PSU Banks and other scheduled banks during the year, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) McKinsey & Company, a leading management consulting firm, have in its study "Indian Banking 2010", projected the Indian banking sector revenue from retail/consumer finance at Rs. 74,000 crore by the year 2009-10 as against Rs. 28,500 crore generated for the Financial year 2004-05.

(b) Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been aggressively tapping the retail sector business over the last few years and are fully geared to take advantage of the

emerging business opportunities in this sector. Responding to the new products and innovative delivery channels used by the competitors, public sector banks have geared themselves by using Information Technology in their day-to-day operations, by improving customer service and by offering innovative and technology based value added services such as establishing customer grievances redressal mechanism, setting up of 24 hours customer helplines, providing technology based value added services like internet banking, mobile banking, ATM/debit cards, etc.

(c) During the year 2005-06, the share of PSBs in the growth of the deposits and advances of SCBs, as a whole, is 56.88% and 68.87% respectively.

Outstanding loans to the CPSEs

950. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of outstanding loans to the CPSEs converted into equity as part of the revival recommended by BRPSE during the last two years;

(b) the details of the fresh equity infusion into CPSEs as part of revival;

(c) what is the current worth of Government's fresh equity investment and converted equity during the last two years;

(d) whether the worth has gone down, if so, the comparative worth; and

(e) if not, how much dividend have Government earned over last two years over such equity in the CPSEs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ideal inflation rate

†951. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards Reddy's statement which state that 3 per cent inflation rate is ideal;

(b) if so, whether Government agree with the opinion of the Governor of Reserve Bank of India;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for considering 3 per cent inflation rate as ideal?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Governor, Reserve Bank of India has expressed the view that

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.